

Atty Dkt. No.: SERA-001
USSN: 10/817,319**REMARKS****Formal Matters**

Applicant hereby affirms the election of the Group I claims based. Further, claims 19-32 as properly numbered are hereby cancelled without prejudice to their later pursuit in a continuing application.

As such, claims 1-18 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein. Certain of these claims have been renumbered, and others amended to account for the change. The Examiner's attention in this matter is acknowledged and very much appreciated.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported in paragraphs 0030-0039 in the description of metal body material selection and discussion of press fitting the respective pieces together; the figures provide further support in that they show a solid body (in contrast to loose powder fill). No new matter is added. Description of a "solid body" of metal is intended to distinguish from loose "powered" metal fill as well as potting epoxies/plastic matrices.

Objections

Paragraph 0035 has been amended as required by the Examiner, and claim 32 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is therefore requested.

Rejections/Interview Summary

The amendment to claim 1 was agreed upon to distinguish over the art of record in the present application as discussed during an Examiner Interview conducted April 1, 2005. A formal interview summary is attached. Claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to be allowable, which action is respectfully requested.

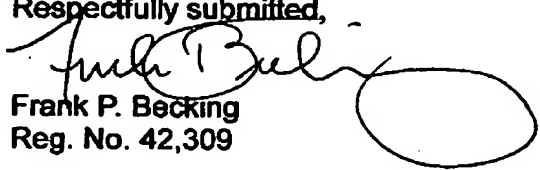
Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner should find that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-906-1137.

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